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STATE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE

ANOTHER formidable adjunct to the proposed Boyle state Democratic political machine is in the building. The proposed increase of the state police from a handful of men to a perfect army of salary grabbers chosen from Democratic ranks would result in fastening on taxpayers a most iniquitous system. The legislature is asked to sanction an appropriation of \$100,000 for employing this force, ostensibly in enforcing the prohibition law but, in reality, to boost the Boyle propaganda at every turn and in every section of the state. The arrangement carries with it traveling expenses and little responsibility in incurring bills which would be charged up to the enforcement of the dry law. Why such a large police force should be required for the purposes suggested is past comprehending since the claim is made that the vote of the electors show they are in sympathy with the dry law and it is a well known axiom that infractions cannot pass undetected where public sentiment is in favor of any disciplinary movement. The fact is that, if the people want liquor they are going to have it and they will get whatever they want in spite of the most stringent preventative measures. The constitutional amendment was cunningly devised so that the authority for enforcing it would be centralized in Carson City and, through this provision, the police organization would naturally be kept busy pursuing phantom violators to the remotest corners of Nevada. Everybody knows how the Democratic pull is worked just before election time when members and employees of various state commissions find sudden demands on their time in sections where they manifest no interest for twenty months of the biennial period. The industrial commission, the assessors' board, the labor department and all other departmental activities which are satisfied to lie dormant for the greater part of two years find unlooked for calls that take the most active and influential politicians away from their comfortable homes to scurry around the country in an effort to spread the propaganda of their party. With an army of police holding down jobs and drawing salaries and traveling expenses it is not difficult to see where the Democrats would have greatly enlarged opportunities for doing missionary work in behalf of their principals at Carson City and Washington. Eighteen months hence the presidential campaign will be in full swing and every effort will be made to fasten the bonds of Democracy on the country for another four years. If the electors wish to stand for that sort of proselytizing they will find the proposed state police a convenient form of helping the machine to retain its grip on the state. The only way to check this is for every voter who loves freedom of speech and the right to vote according to his own conscience to write his representatives in the senate and assembly firmly protesting against imposing this sly, self-seeking inquisition on the taxpayers.

THE VALUE OF WHISKEY

NINETY per cent of the inhabitants of the British isles are clamoring for the government to release sufficient whiskey to protect the British people from the ravages of the grip germ. The petitioners include men of title, men of science and labor leaders. Members of parliament are daily inquiring when the government is going to wake up to the necessity for doing something to abate the scourge that is decimating the insular empire. Labor members of parliament are also demanding when the labor unrest will be allayed by the distribution of more and stronger beer. How strong is the feeling is indicated by the fact that, according to Henry M. Hyde, one of the best known newspaper correspondents, one of the contributing causes of the great Glasgow strike was the absolute refusal of the dock laborers to load cases of Scotch whiskey on the steamships for export until they were assured that enough would be left behind in Scotland for their own comfort, convenience and good health. Every day the columns of the great London dailies contain letters from medical men who sign their names and addresses, declaring that wines and whiskies are the best preventives of grip and urging that steps be taken to increase the available supply. The British war cabinet is today considering the release of further supplies of spirits in view of the influenza epidemic.

DOUBLE RETURNING BOARD

AROUSING the dangers of delayed election returns a number of states are engaged in formulating measures to secure a quick count of the ballots on election night. The movement is one that meets with the approval of the most advanced states and it is not surprising to hear that California and Washington have wheeled into line in favor of the double returning boards which have demonstrated their usefulness in Kansas and West Virginia. At the last presidential election Kansas was first to make complete returns and the celerity with which the vote was counted prompted an inquiry which resulted in disclosing the operation of a law known as the double election board. The system does not revolutionize present methods but simply makes it possible that the ballots may be counted almost simultaneously with the casting of them, with the result that the vote is known almost immediately after the closing of the polls. What little opposition was met was to the effect that the double election board involved additional expense, but the first experience proved that the method of hiring double boards was no more expensive as it is as inexpensive to work two sets of men one day as it is to work one set of men two days. There is less chance of the returns being muddled through sluggishness of exhausted clerks and judges who have remained at their posts of duty for anywhere from eighteen to forty-eight hours struggling with long rows of figures which grow more confusing as the hours roll round. The law should be enacted so that it would apply to precincts where the number of votes justify the provision. This would mean in such

congested precincts such as are found in Tonopah, Reno, Virginia City, Winnemucca, Elko and Ely. Country precincts would continue to operate under the old form which is satisfactory in places where the total vote cast does not exceed forty or fifty votes and the results are known within a few hours after the close of the polls. The measure is worth considering and it is not too late for the present legislature to take action looking to its adoption in Nevada.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE KENTUCKY DERBY

(By Associated Press)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 26.—Entries for the 1919 Kentucky derby to be run at Churchill Downs, May 10, will close March 1, ten days later than last year, giving trainers more time to determine the relative merits of the three-year olds in their charge. This is expected to result in a larger number of starters than usual.

As in the 1918 derby, when Esco and Sun Briar seemed to outclass the rest of the field as winter choices, Eternal and Billy Kelly now stand out prominently for the 1919 event.

According to reports from New York Commander J. K. L. Ross, Canadian sportsman and owner of Billy Kelly, has wagered \$25,000 on his gelding's chances of beating Eternal.

In a match race at Laurel last fall, Eternal with Schuttlinger in the saddle, was returned the winner by a head over Billy Kelly with Lunsford.

PROTEST DECREASE SHEEP ALLOTMENT

The Free Press says the sheepmen of Elko county met at the Humboldt forest office in Elko last Friday in consultation with representatives from the main Ogden office and the local supervisor, C. M. Favre. The government has notified the sheep owners that beginning with the first of March the allotment of sheep on the forest ranges would be cut 25 per cent and to this the sheepmen entered a protest and the main office sent out Victor Mitchell, formerly supervisor of the Humboldt forest, to meet with the stockmen and hear their side of the story. The allotment of sheep on the forest ranges in Elko county is 350,000, and the proposed reduction would bring it down to 262,500. The sheep owners declare that the curtailment of grazing privileges on such short notice and at this time of the year would compel them to sacrifice thousands of sheep, as there was no market for them now, and they have to have a place to graze them. Sheep owners from every portion of the state were in Elko, and their contentions were taken under advisement. The government has announced that the grazing allotment on the forest ranges will be decreased on all kinds of stock.

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ford up. Followers of Billy Kelly, however, claim that Schuttlinger out-general Lunsford and that Commander Ross' gelding is the better horse.

Eternal, a brown colt by Sweep-Hazel Burke, and owned by J. W. McClelland, is not at Hot Springs, Ark., where he shortly will be put in training for his coming campaign. Eternal was the leading money winning thoroughbred last season accounting for \$56,137 in purses and stakes.

Billy Kelly, by Dick Welles-Glenn, also was a big money winner, \$32,786, being his share.

W. R. Cox, of Montana, a new-comer to the turf, whose horses showed to advantage in the east last season, is expected to enter his good colt Sweep-On in the derby.

Among the other horses of importance that probably will be named for the classic are: Pithouse, War Pennant, Under Fire, Toto, Drummond, Passing Shower, Col. Livingston, Battle Cake, Delco, Cal Taylor, Durboyne, Lord Brighton, Pen Rose, Major Farke, Billie Queen and Cirrus.

DROPPED SMOKES FROM AIRPLANE

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 26.—One of the first workers of a war service organization to be officially recognized as a member of a fighting unit is Martin V. Merle of San Francisco, a playwright and a Knight of Columbus secretary who was attached to the 27th aero squadron for four months during the fighting at Chateau Thierry, Saint Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne district.

Mr. Merle has received an official communication from the officers and men of the 27th aero squadron as notification that he has been given the right to wear the squadron insignia. He originated the scheme of dropping cigarettes from reconnaissance airplanes over the first line trenches which was adopted with much success.

Symptoms of Death.

The usual procedure in warfare to determine whether death has occurred is to inject fluorescein, according to the method of Dr. S. Land of Minneapolis. In the living the eye will take a vivid green color, as though an emerald had been set in the socket. If no coloration is observed within an hour or two after injection, it may be stated positively that the person is dead.

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